



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5393

January Session, 2001

AN ACT PROVIDING AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVE BENEFITS UNDER THE TEMPORARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) The Commissioner of Social Services may offer
2 financial assistance to offset the cost of automobile liability insurance
3 for individuals who receive benefits under the temporary family
4 assistance program administered by the commissioner pursuant to
5 section 17b-112 of the general statutes. Such financial assistance shall
6 (1) be limited to individuals who will own a private passenger motor
7 vehicle registered in this state at the time such financial assistance is
8 provided, (2) provide funds, within available appropriations, in an
9 amount up to the amount such individual needs to maintain required
10 automobile liability insurance in accordance with sections 38a-334 to
11 38a-343, inclusive, of the general statutes, and (3) terminate when the
12 vehicle ceases to be registered in this state or the individual ceases to
13 be eligible for such benefits. The commissioner may provide such
14 funds directly to the insurer on behalf of the covered individual.

15 (b) To be eligible for such financial assistance, an individual shall
16 submit an application to the commissioner at such time and on such
17 form as the commissioner prescribes.

18 (c) Financial assistance under this section shall not be provided with

19 state funds if federal funds are available.

20 (d) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with
21 chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement this section.

22 Sec. 2. Not later than February 1, 2002, the Commissioner of Social
23 Services shall submit a report to the joint standing committees of the
24 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance
25 and human services in accordance with section 11-4a of the general
26 statutes. The report shall indicate whether the commissioner has
27 provided financial assistance pursuant to section 1 of this act. If the
28 commissioner has provided such assistance, the report shall indicate:
29 (1) The number of individuals receiving assistance, (2) the cost of such
30 assistance per person and in the aggregate, and (3) whether the
31 assistance is provided with state funds, federal funds or both.

32 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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